

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-9 are the only claims pending. Original claim 1 has been amended to eliminate multiple ranges and to provide minor clarification. Support for the specific alkyl ranges in claim 1 is found on page 5, paragraphs two and three. New claims 4-6 are supported by original claim 1. New claim 7 is supported by page 20, third paragraph. Claim 8 is supported by page 1, second paragraph. Claim 9 is supported by page 20, third paragraph. No new matter has been added.

Applicants aver that the claims 1-2 and 4-9 are now in better form for examination. An Action on the merits of the claims is respectfully awaited. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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